

Chapter J News

Hiawassee, GA

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September 2020

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Chapter J Meetings

September 2020 Meeting

Saturday, September 19 2020

Daniel's Steak House

Hiawassee, GA

October 2020 Meeting

Saturday, October 24, 2020

Meeks Park, CH-J Picnic

Blairsville, GA

We eat at 11:00 AM and meet at 12:00 PM



Chapter J's Directors

We are here in September and still dealing with this COVID virus. CH-J's ride coordinator has been busy planning and leading us on Wednesday lunch rides to various parks where we can brown bag lunch and stay away from crowds. Thanks Flathead Fred.

Bob & Caroline Baillargeon have been spearheading Chapter J's yard sale. The date they have secured is Saturday, September 19, 2020 in front of Ellers Tire & Service located at 28 Main Street N. in Hiawassee. We will set up between 7:00 to 7:30 AM and the yard sale will begin at 8:00 AM and run through 11:30 AM so that all members can make it to Chapter J's September meeting.

Please bring all of your treasures that you no longer need. Treasures are almost anything except for clothing. Shoe ware is welcomed. Also please mark the price on each and every item.

Tables are also needed to place our treasures on.

At the end of the yard sale, whatever is left over will be donated to the VFW or you can donate it to your favorite organization.

All revenue is directed to the Chapter J's Christmas toy fund for the needy children in Towns and Union Counties.

All hands will be needed to assist in this event.

Although a mask is not required, it is advisable to wear a mask since you will be dealing with the public. Your choice.

Chapter J's Activities Coordinator

Hello everyone,

I realize it's early but on the other hand "time does fly" so set aside time in October for our annual GWRRA Chapter J Picnic on October 24th at 12:00 noon at Meeks Park in Blairsville, Pavilion #3. Our chapter will supply the fried chicken and beverages while members are asked to bring a salad 🥗 or dessert 🍰 🍩. If anyone has any good games they'd like to share, bring them along and of course we'll have corn hole, Fred and Carol's Giant Jenga plus Bingo. I will have a sign-up sheet at our September meeting to get a count as to how much chicken to buy. If you can't make the meeting, please email or call me and I can add your name to the list. Guests are always welcome for a small fee. Be ready for some fun games with prizes included and bring you appetite!

Sue Bible

Towns and Union Counties School Supply Efforts

Chapter J again collected money to present to both Towns and Union County schools to purchase school supplies for families requesting assistance. Although we didn't have our annual fundraiser due to COVID, we still collected \$418.75. Both School Districts were very thankful for the donations as there is a greater need this year due to COVID.

Thanks to all of the Chapter J members that generously donated money.

In addition, a great big Thank You to Nick and Sandy George for the purchase of 222 backpacks. These backpacks will be used by Elementary to High School students for the 2020 – 2021 School Year.

Below is a picture of half of the backpacks and a picture of Bill presenting the check and backpacks to the Union County Family Connections staff. Towns County Family Connection staff were in a meeting when we delivered the check and backpacks, thus no picture.



Here is the Thank You note from the Towns County Family Connection for the Chapter J members' donation of \$209 for the purchase of student school supplies and the 111 backpacks.

A Family Connection department is housed in each GA school system and they work closely with students and families to research the needs of children and families in their community.

Please visit both the Towns and Union County Family Connection websites to review the various programs they furnish for Towns and Union Counties.



RIDE REPORT

Wednesday, 8/26/20, Lunch ride

by Dennis Bible

We left from the Blairsville Marathon station at 10 AM under partly cloudy skies. There were 5 bikes/trikes and nine riders.

We headed up Hwy 129 to Murphy, NC., then continued East to Topton, NC. There we continued on Hwys 19/74 into the Nantahala Gorge where we took a rest break at the Wayah Road Park.

We continued East to Luada and turned South on Hwy 28 towards Franklin, NC., (one of the best motorcycle roads in N. Carolina).

Our lunch destination was The Gazebo Creekside Cafe in Franklin.

They have plenty of outdoor but protected seating at umbrella tables or in the gazebo. The menu has lots of sandwiches, salads and sides to choose from. Sue had a French Dip and I had a huge 1/2# bacon cheeseburger, drinks and a side of potato salad. The bill totaled \$23 including a \$4 tip. Very reasonable.

After lunch we headed South on Hwy 441 where we picked up some back roads at Otto, then continued South to Dillard where we turned West at the Nacootchie School for Blue Ridge Gap and Persimmon (one of my favorite rides).

At Persimmon we hit Hwy 76 and headed West for Hiawassee and home. The weather continued to improve as the day progressed and a good time was had by all.

5 bikes/trike, 9 riders, 125 miles, 6 hours.

September 2020 Happenings

Thursday Night Dinner, Cancelled

For last minute rides or information, please check GA Chapter J website.

<http://www.chapterj.gwrra-ga.com/>

For updates to GA-J's website, please email Dave Worsham.

GaJWebmaster@gmail.com

Please send Newsletter articles to:

Ga.j.newsletter@gmail.com

Chapter J Store

Need some GWRRRA or Chapter J styling on your bikes, your vests and/or your chapter shirts? Chapter J has flags, patches and pins for sale.

Blue J Flag with Mounting Kit	\$ 5.00
Mountain Blue J Patch	\$ 3.00
Mountain Blue J Pin	\$ 3.00
GWRRRA Gold and Black Round Patch (small)	\$ 5.00
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Chapter J Bar	1 Free to new Chapter J member

See Barbara Schleicher for purchases



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